MINUTES

OF THE

FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Union Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

PIEDMONT CHURCH,

JEFFERSON COUNTY, MISS.,

SEPTEMBER 25 AND 26, 1868.

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PIEDMONT, Jefferson County, Miss.

September 25th, 1868.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

The introductory sermon was preached by Bro. W. F. Green from Phil., 2, 9.

After preaching took a recess of one hour.

Two o'clock P. M.—The Association was called to order by the Moderator Bro. W. F. Green. After singing Bro. W. B. Gallman led in prayer.

Brethren E. R. Freeman and C. M. Gordon were appointed reading clerks.

After reading the letters from the churches proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year, which resulted in the choice of Bro. E. R. Freeman Moderator, W. B. Gallman Clerk, and E. N. Sumrall Treasurer.

The Moderator on taking the chair made a few appropriate remarks, in which he thanked the brethren for the unsolicited and unexpected honor conferred on him in choosing him Moderator. He hoped that he would have their prayers and cooperation while he endeavored to discharge the duties of his office faithfully and impartially.

Adopted the following order of business.

1. Receive petitions.
2. Call for correspondence.
3. Appoint committees.
4. Appoint messengers to corresponding bodies.
5. Hear reports of committees.
6. Adopt letters of correspondence.
7. Appoint time and place of next meeting.
8. Adopt resolutions.
9. Call the roll, read the minutes and adjourn.

Called for petitions: received none.

Called for correspondence: Received from Pearl River Association a letter, bundle of minutes and messengers, Brethren W. H. Baley and J. Applewhite.

From Mississippi Association: a letter, minutes and Messenger Bro. S. Buffkin.

From the Baptist State Convention: a letter and bundle of minutes.

Appointed the following committees.

On Preaching : The Pastor and Deacons of Piedmont Church, together with Brethren S. Tillman and B. B. Day.

On Finance : Brethren M. W. Goode, Jas. Newman and A. B. Douglas.

On Nominations : Brethren W. F. Green, Wm. Welch and D. O. Perkins.

Appointed correspondence as follows :

To Strong River Association, Brethren Jas. Newman, E. R. Freeman and W. B. Gallman.

To Pearl River Association : Brethren A. R. Lum and Jas. Newman.

To Mississippi Association : Brethren Jas. Newman, S. Tillman, S. G. Mullins, and A. B. Douglas.

To Central Association : Brethren W. B. Gallman, W. W. Bolls, E. R. Freeman and J. J. Green.

To the Baptist State Convention : Brethren E. R. Freeman, W. B. Gallman, S. G. Mullins, H. W. Stackhouse, S. Tillman, W. W. Bolls and J. J. Green.

On motion Bro. W. F. Green was appointed to write a letter of correspondence to be printed in the minutes.

The preaching committee reported that Bro. Jas. Newman will preach to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

Adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Prayer by Bro. W. H. Baley.

Saturday morning, 9 o'clock.

The Association met. Prayer by Bro. S. Buflkin. Appointed a special committee consisting of Brethren W. F. Green, Stephen Tillman, Jas. Newman and Lott Smith, to report a list of the ministers in the bounds of this Association together with their Post Offices.

The committee appointed at a previous meeting to collect a file of the minutes of the association reported (verbally) that they had a complete file of the minutes as far back as the nineteenth anniversary except the minutes of 1863, (which were never printed, or if printed were never distributed), also the sixteenth and eighth anniversary.

Adopted the letter of correspondence. See Appendix A.

The sixth article of the rules of decorum was altered so as to read thus : No church in this Union shall have a right to more than three delegates, unless she shall exceed one hundred members, then she shall have a right to an additional delegate for every additional fifty members.

Adjourned to hear preaching by Bro. Newman.

Two o'clock P. M.—The association met. Prayer by Brother W. B. Gallman. The committee on Finance made their report which was adopted. See Appendix B. The preaching committee reported that Bro. W. B. Gallman will preach to-morrow at 11 o'clock, and that Bro. E. R. Freeman will preach in the afternoon.

The Missionary Board presented their report, which after considerable discussion was adopted. See Appendix C.

On motion the officers of the Association were appointed an executive committee to act in the place of the Missionary Board dispensed with by the adoption of the above report. The following resolution was read and adopted : Resolved, that the Executive committee be, and are hereby instructed, to expend what money they have on hand and as much more as they can procure for the purpose of preaching the Gospel to the destitute in the bounds of this association.

The committee on nominations made the following report which was adopted :

Your committee on nominations beg leave to report: bro. Jas. Newman to preach the next introductory sermon, brethren W. W. Bolls and A. R. Lum alternates in the order of their names.—To preach the missionary sermon brother S. G. Mullins,—alternates J. J. Green and C. M. Gordon.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. GREEN, Chairman.

Adopted the report of the committee on list of ministers and their Post Offices. See Appendix D.

Appointed the next meeting of the association to be held with the Antioch church, Copiah county, on Saturday before the fourth Sabbath in September next.

Adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved, that the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered to the Moderator and Clerk for the able and efficient manner in which they have discharged their respective duties; also to the church and citizens of this vicinity for their liberal entertainment during this meeting.

Resolved, that the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes, that he draw of the Treasurer to defray expense of same, and that he be allowed twenty-five dollars for his services.

Called the roll and adopted the minutes.

On motion, adjourned to meet with the Antioch church, Copiah county, ten miles Southwest of Gallatin, on Saturday before the fourth Sabbath in September 1869.

E. R. FREEMAN, Moderator.

W. B. GALLMAN, Clerk.

Sabbath Exercises.

Brother W. B. Gallman preached at 11 o'clock and Bro. E. R. Freeman in the afternoon according to the arrangement of the preaching committee. The public collection amounted to $21 05.

APPENDIX A.

The Union Baptist Association

To corresponding bodies and sister associations sends Greeting:

Dear Brethren,—Our association held its forty-eighth anniversary, this year, with the Piedmont Church, in Jefferson County. We regret to have to state, that the representation of our churches has not been so good as usual, owing as we suppose, to prevailing sickness and unfavorable weather. Eight of our churches are not represented. Most of those represented, report revivals, and some complain of declention and apathy to the cause of Christ. We received correspondence and messengers from the Pearl River and Mississippi associations, but regret the failure to receive correspondence and messengers from other associations with which we affiliate. We hope this will not be the case in future. The state of Religion is not so good by any means, in our bounds, as we would like to see it, but concord and harmony seems to prevail. Letters from the churches represented report an accession of 157 by baptism, 69 by letter.

We have done nothing during the past year for missions in our bounds, owing to the financial depression of the country. Our present session has been harmonious and pleasant. We desire to keep up a correspondence with you, and send you this by our messengers, the bearers, whom we esteem faithful, to assist you in council. Our next annual communication will be with the Antioch Church, about ten miles southwest of Gallatin, Copiah county, on Saturday before the fourth Sabbath in September 1869, at which time and place we hope to meet you by correspondence and messengers.

We remain your brethren in Christ.

Done by order of the Association, 25th September, 1868.

W. F. GREEN, Chairman Committee.

APPENDIX B.

Your committee on Finance beg leave to report, that they have examined the Treasurer's report and find the same correct, being supported by proper vouchers,—leaving a balance in the Treasurer's hands of.... $ 95 81

Amount sent up by the churches	127 75
From Piedmont Church, last year sub	13 00
" Philadelphia " " " "	4 25
" New Providence " " " "	2 20
" C. M. Gordon	5 00
" E. B. Thomson and daughter	9 00
Collection on Sabbath	21 05
Total	$278 06

J. M. NEWMAN,
W. W. GOODE,
A. B. DOUGLAS, } Committee.

The Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer's Report, September 1868.

E. N. Sumrall in account with Union Association, Sept. 21 1867, Dr.—

To amount sent up by the churches	$150 45
To amount sent up by the churches for Orphans home	$ 50 10
To amount collected on Sabbath for Missionary purposes	$ 18 85
Miss Mary Green for Missions	2 00
Brushy Fork, Church "	1 00
Emanual "	1 00
Brooks	1 00
W. M. Hood on subsription	1 00
C. M. Bolls, " "	2 50
To amount collected at a meeting of the Missionary Board at Pine Bluff	2 50
This amount from Newzion Church	7 76
	8 75
Total	$245 91

CREDIT.

By amount paid W. B. Gallman, Clerk	$ 25 00
" remitted to Orphan home	50 10
" paid for printing minutes	75 00
Total	$150 10
Amount in Treasury, Sept. 25, 1868	95 81
	$245 91

APPENDIX C.

Report of the Executive Board.

The Board held their first meeting at White Oak immediately after the adjournment of last Association. We did not think it advisable then to employ a missionary. Adjourned to meet at Damascus on Saturday, before the fifth Sabbath in December, unless the chairman should deem it advisable to call a meeting. Circumstances seemed to make it desirable to have a called meeting. The call was made. The Board met at Spring Hill on Saturday before the third Sabbath in November. We had the offer of an able and efficient minister to labor as missionary, but we had not money in the Treasury to compensate him for his labor. After discussing the matter, hoping that some arrangement could be made, final action was deferred until the regular meeting in December. We met in December, but owing to the financial condition of the country, the amount in the Treasury had been increased but very little, hence we deemed it inexpedient to employ a missionary. There has been no other meeting of the Board since.

You will see by this report that nothing has been done for the cause of missions by your Board. The reason is we did not have the means. The Saviour says "the laborer is worthy of his hire." An inspired apostle says: "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they who preach the gospel shall live of the gospel." Therefore we did not feel willing to employ a man to labor without being able to pay him.

We refer this subject to you, and through you to the churches. "The harvest is great and the laborers are few." Nothing is being done to supply the great destitution. This ought not so to be. There is something wrong. It is thought by some that our present plan of operations is not the best, and that a change is advisable. We would therefore recommend that you dispense with the appointment of a Missionary Board; and that you say before you adjourn, what disposition shall be made of the money in the Treasury. And that you also urge upon the churches to take the subject of Home Missions into prayerful consideration, and that they do what they can to carry out the injunction of our blessed Saviour to preach the Gospel to every creature.

Respectfully submitted.

W. B. GALLMAN, Secretary.

APPENDIX D.

A List of Ministers and their Post Offices.

BOLLS, W. W.	Pine Bluff,	Mississippi.
EAGER, E. C.	Rodney,	"
FREEMAN, E. R.	Crystal Springs,	"
GALLMAN, W. B.	" "	"
GORDON, C. M.	Union Church,	"
GREEN, W. F.	Gallatin,	"
GREEN, J. J.	Pine Bluff,	"
GRIFFIN, J. M	Hamburg,	"
LUM, A. R.	Union Church,	"
MULLINS, S. G.	Crystal Springs,	"
NEWMAN, Jas.	Caseyville,	"
TRAVILLIAN, A. L.	Port Gibson,	"

LICENTIATES.

MORRIS, N.	Pine Bluff,	Mississippi.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

OF THE

UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

ADOPTED THE FIRST SESSION, SEPTEMBER 18, 1820.

PREAMBLE.

We, the Churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptised upon a profession of our faith, are convinced of the utility of a combination of churches, and of maintaining a correspondence for a preservation of our union among churches of the same faith and order, we therefore, agree to form ourselves into an Association upon the following principles, viz:

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1st. We believe in ONE TRIUNE GOD—the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost—the same in essence—equal in power and glory.

2d. We believe the scriptures of the OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only rule of faith and practice.

3d. We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude—in the imputation of his sins to all his posterity—in the total depravity of human nature, and in man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God.

4th. We believe that God hath loved his people with an everlasting love; that He chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world; that He calleth them with a holy and effectual calling and being justified alone through the righteousness of Christ, imputed to them, they are kept by the power of God, through faith unto salvation.

5th. We believe there is one Mediator between God and man—the man Christ Jesus, who by the satisfaction he made to law and justice, in becoming an offering for sin, hath, by his most precious blood, redeemed the elect from under the curse of the law, that they might be holy and without blame before Him in love.

6th. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, and are evidences of a gracious state; and that all believers are bound to obey every command of God from a principle of Love.

7th. We believe in the resurrection of the Dead, and a general Judgment; that the happiness of the righteous, and the punishment of the wicked, will be everlasting.

GOSPEL ORDER.

1st. We believe that a church of Jesus Christ is a congregation of immersed believers, who have given themselves to the Lord, and to one another by the will of God, and have covenanted to keep up a godly discipline, agreeable to the rules of the gospel.

2d. We believe that Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church—the only law giver, and that the government is with the church.

3d. That Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the gospel ordinances, appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the Church until his second coming.

4th. That the immersion of the body in water, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, is the only scriptural baptism, as taught by Christ and his Apostles.

5th. That none but regularly baptised church members, who live a holy life, have a right to partake of the Lord's supper.

6th. That it is the privilege and duty of all believers to make a public profession of their faith, by submitting themselves as subjects of baptism and as members of the visible church.

7th. That it is the duty of every regularly organized church, to expel from hercommunion, all disorderly and immoral members, or those who hold doctrinescontrary to the scriptures.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1st. Those delegates who are regularly chosen by the churches, in our Union shall compose the Association.

2d. The delegates so chosen shall produce letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, together with the number in fellowship; those baptised; received by letter; restored; dismissed; excommunicated and dead; since the last Association.

3d. The delegates thus chosen and convened, shall be denominated the "Union Baptist Association."

4th. The Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by a majority of the members present, who shall hold their offices until their successors are elected.

5th. If new churches desire to be admitted into this Union, they shall petition by letter and delegates. If received, the Moderator shall extend to the delegates the right hand of fellowship. The Association shall always have the power to receive or reject applicants for membership.

6th. No church in this Union shall have a right to more than three delegates, unless she shall exceed one hundred members, then she shall have a right to an additional delegate for every additional fifty members.

7th. Every query sent to the Association, by any church in the Union, shall be read and put to a vote by the Moderator whether it shall be debated; and if there shall be a majority for it, it shall be taken up and investigated; provided always, that those be first considered, which affect the Union of the churches.

8th. Every motion made and seconded shall be taken up by the Association, except it be withdrawn by the person who made it.

9th. Only one person shall speak at once; who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator.

10th. The persons thus speaking shall not be interrupted, except he depart from the subject, break the rules of decorum, or cast reflections upon a brother, in which case he shall be immediately called to order by the Moderator.

11th. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject, without leave of the Moderator.

12th. No brother shall finally depart from the conference without leave of the Association.

13th. All reports to this body shall be sent up in writing.

14th. The Moderator shall have the liberty of speaking on any question that may be debated, provided the chair be previously filled; but shall only have the privilege of voting when the Association is equally divided.

15th. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called over as often as the Association deems expedient.

16th. We think it actually necessary to have an Association Fund for defraying the expeuses of the same; for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the Union to contribute such sums as it may think proper, and send them by their delegates to the Association, and the money thus contributed by the churches, shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer, by the Association appointed, who shall be accountable to the Association for all the money by him received, and paid out according to the direction of the same.

17th. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the Association rise.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY	POST OFFICE.	DELEGATES.	Baptised	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored	Dismissed	Excluded	Died	White Males	White Females	Blacks	Total	No of Minutes.	Sab. Meeting.	Contributions.
Antioc	Copiah	Pine Ridge	W. F. Green, B. B. Day	7	5	...	11	3	1	34	47	....	81	30	4th	9 25
Bethany	Claiborne	Linden	Lott Smith, Stephen Vanvorous	23	3	1	6	5	...	16	49	72	137	20	1st	
Bethesda	Jefferson	Union Church	A. McCaa, G. Nevils, A. E. Ingram	27	2	...	2	...	.	24	35	5	66	35	4th	9 25
Bethlehem	Franklin	Hamburg	Not represented													
Bushy Fork	Copiah	Linden	Absent	....	1	...	5	1	2	8	17	44	69	20	3rd	17 60
Clear Creek	Adams	Washington	Not represented													
Crystal Springs	Copiah	Crystal Springs	E. R. Freeman	....	11	...	10	3	1	28	44	6	79	30	1st, 2	10 00
Damascus	Copiah	Hazlehurst	W. B. Gallman, Wm. Welch, M. W. Goode	11	17	...	13	1	2	132	181	....	313	75	4th	12 30
Ebenezer	Jefferson	Fayette	Not represented													
Fellowship	Do	Rodney	D. O. Perkins, S. McKey	2	..	1	2	12	3	12	36	....	48	20	1, 3	10 00
Magnolia	Claiborne	Port Gibson	J. W. Harvey	10	1	...	...	1	...	7	10	....	17	5	4th	2 50
Mount Pleasant	Do	Do	Joseph Price, H. M. Herlong	12	3	...	1	...	...	12	18	7	37	20	3rd	8 50
New Bahala	Copiah	Beauregard	S. Tillman	4	1	...	2	1	..	14	34	5	53	20	2d	3 00
New Hope	Do	Mount Hope	Not represented													
New Providence	Do	Pine Ridge	Jas. Newman, A. B. Douglas	5	4	1	3	...	...	26	30	2	58	15	3rd	5 00
New Zion	Do	Crystal Springs	Absent	3	2	...	3	2	1	25	51	....	76	30	3rd	11 50
Philadelphia	Do	Casey Ville	J. L. Anding, J. A. Snyder	8	3	...	...	...	...	13	21	1	35	15	4th	5 00
Piedmont	Jefferson	Union Church	C. M. Gordon, Daniel Warren, J. W. Cato	1	1	...	...	1	2	13	28	....	41	20	1, 3	5 00
Pine Bluff	Copiah	Pine Bluff	Absent	4	...	1	2	...	...	29	72	47	151	35	1st	2 25
Pleasant Hill	Do	Union Church	A. R. Lum, T. J. Foster, H. Short	3	5	...	...	...	...	9	23	9	41	15	2d	3 50
Rodney	Jefferson	Rodney	Not represented													
Spring Hill	Copiah	Hazlehurst	Franklin Baley	24	19	...	...	...	...	30	36	1	37	30	1st	6 75
White Oak	Do	Utica	Absent	16	1	1	4	...	1	33	51	85	169	20	2d	7 85
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